

AMERICAN PROMISE SEGMENT	DEMOCRATIC THEME	NCSS STRAND <i>X - Civic Ideals & Practices apply to all</i>	NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOKS <i>(1997, 1998) Primary Level</i>
Murals vs. graffiti Murals and community gardens rebuild a community.	Freedom	III	<i>The Garden of Happiness</i> by Erika Tamar Neighbors turn an empty lot into a garden.
Trapeze school Despite her fears, young girl swings on the trapeze.	Freedom	IV	<i>The Treasure Hunt</i> by Bill Cosby Little Bill discovers that a treasure is something special you can do yourself.
Guns in school Students start antiviolence program after a shooting in school.	Responsibility	VI	<i>Why</i> by Nikolai Popov A peaceful frog is attacked by an aggressive mouse.
Round-up Everyone pitches in on a ranch at round-up time.	Participation	I	<i>Waterman's Child</i> by Barbara Mitchell Story of a Chesapeake Bay family's loyalty to each other and life on the water.
Carousel Citizens work together to build an old-fashioned carousel.	Participation	V	<i>The Little Ships</i> by Louise Borden Thousands of soldiers are saved by a volunteer citizen armada.
Wolves Environmentalists fight ranchers to reintroduce wolves to Yellowstone.	Hard choices	VI	<i>I am Rosa Parks</i> with Jim Haskins The story of the civil rights heroine.
Inupiat Traditional native culture in Alaska is threatened by 20th century technology.	Information	I	<i>The Polar Bear Son</i> by Lydia Dabovich Traditional tale of woman and adopted polar bear son.
YES A group of environmentalists seek to find ways to work together better.	Information	V	<i>Snail Started It</i> by Katja Reider A lesson in how words can hurt.
Mt. Bike innovator The "Henry Ford of mountain bikes."	Opportunity	VII	<i>Nobody Owns the Sky</i> by Reeve Lindberg The story of Bessie Coleman, African-American pioneer aviator.
Yellow bikes A new kind of public transportation project.	Leverage	VII	<i>Peter's Place</i> by Sally Grindley Peter works to clean up in the aftermath of an oil tanker spill.
Teen court Students are judged by a jury of their peers.	Deliberation	VI	<i>The Paperboy</i> by Dav Pikley The story of an early-morning chore.
Circus Community built on a common purpose.	Common Ground	V	<i>Clown</i> by Quentin Blake Clown works to find a place for himself and his friends.
Baptismal font A symbol of faith, forged from memories.	Common Ground	II	<i>The Flag We Love</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan The meaning of the flag through patriotic verse.